Miami-Dade Parks August 2006 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 1

Summer Camps

Miami-Dade Parks offers summer camps featuring sports, eco-adventures, games and the arts for youth ages 6-14 thru August 14. Call 305-755-7800 for information. Miami Metrozoo (305-255-5551) and Deering Estate (305-235-1668) are also holding camps.

"Nature, Nurture: Drawings and Metal Cutouts"

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Thru August 2. A Debbie Carfagno art exhibition in bronze of multi-layer wall pieces and freestanding sculptures, which balance abstraction mixed with realism. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

Yoga Classes

6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Also, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Thru September 6. \$60 six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Larry and Penny Thompson Beach and Waterslides

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekends. \$3 adults; \$2 children. Waterslide and swimming: \$4 adults; \$3 children. Open thru Labor Day. Children must be accompanied by an adult and 48 inches tall to ride the waterslides. Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184 St., Miami, 305-232-1049

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Deering Historic Tours

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at

\$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-893-0906

Wednesday, 2

Raices Summer Recital

7 p.m. \$5. A student-talent showcase featuring ballroom dancing, chorus, puppetry, poetry, percussions and drama. Call 305-271-0812 for more information. Braddock High School, 3601 SW 147 Ave., Miami

Thursday, 3

Sea Turtle Awareness Program

7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Journey into the world of sea turtles as you help save these creatures by participating in a lecture presentation and sea turtle release during the height of the hatching season. Call 305-361-6767 ext. 112 for reservations. Meet at the parking lot #1, North Beach entrance at Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center Summer Arts Academy Recital

6 p.m. Students, ages 6-9, will perform in a culminating recital focusing on dance, music, and theater. On Friday students ages 10 and older will perform. Call 305-638-6771 for cost and more information. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 W. Flagler, Miami

Friday, 4

Shooter Clinic

7-8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic, charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of Trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Arts in the Parks Summer Recital

7 p.m. Enjoy a multi-faceted program that showcases Miami-Dade Parks' finest talented youth in a dynamic presentation with colorful costumes, music, dance, theater, drumming, visual arts and much more. Call 305-636-2350 for cost and more information. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

Saturday, 5

Geology Hike

3 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Have a "rocking" good time with Park Naturalists as they step back in time and explore the Deering Estate's ancient geological formations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Tai Chi Classes

10:30 a.m. \$60 six-week session, 8/1-9/5. Saturdays. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Crandon Heritage Tram Tours

10-11 a.m. Saturdays; 3-4 p.m. Sundays. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the Island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Arch Creek Nature Walks

10-11:30 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305-948-2891, one day in advance, for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddleboats are \$6 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-948-2891

Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Walks

10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub, dunes and beach habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Land and Sea Adventure

12-2:30 p.m. \$40; \$32 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn about the island of Key Biscayne and enjoy a tram ride through the Bear Cut Preserve, then snorkel around 2,000 year old fossilized reef in search of sea stars, urchins, and nurse sharks. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-755-7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Saturdays. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Kayak Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 2 Person Kayaks: \$15 per hour. Snorkel rental daily for \$7. Rentals at North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession, southeast of Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-6767.

Crandon Kayak & Snorkel Adventure

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$50; \$42 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile

and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 or 305-361-6767, ext.112 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Matheson Hammock Biscayne Bay Tour

10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$25; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore mangrove forest-lined creeks and discover the secretive lives of the habitat's wildlife. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at Redfish Grill in Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd., Miami.

Evening Sky Viewings

8-11 p.m. Free. Saturdays. Look and learn with the Southern Astronomical Society and view the night sky through high-tech telescopes. Call 305-661-1375 for more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Sunday, 6

Miami FC Men's Pro Soccer

4 p.m. Adults tickets starting at \$10; children starting at \$6. Miami FC vs. Vancouver Whitecaps. Come support the new and only professional men's soccer team in South Florida. More information at www.miamifc.com or 1-866-57-MIAMI. Tropical Park Stadium, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Sundays. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 243

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Wednesday, 9

Deering Estate Moonlight Canoe Tour

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 233

Miami FC Men's Pro Soccer

8 p.m. Adults tickets starting at \$10; children starting at \$6. Miami FC vs. CSD Municipal (Guatemala). Come support the new and only professional men's soccer team in South Florida. More information at www.miamifc.com or 1-866-57-MIAMI. Tropical Park Stadium, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami

Sunday, 13

Key Biscayne Snorkel & Island Boat Tour

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$62 includes rental of snorkeling gear. Also, August 26. Enjoy a guided cruise on the Biscayne Bay and explore the underwater marine life near the historical Stiltsville and the Cape Florida. Call 305-365-3018 or 305-361-6767, ext. 112 for more information. Meet in front of the Dock Master's Office at Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne.

Sundays 'til Sundown

4 p.m.-sundown. Every second Sunday. Come relax, listen to live music and learn something new about baby sea turtles. Call 305-361-6767 for more information. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

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4 p.m. Adults tickets starting at \$10; children starting at \$6. Miami FC vs. Charleston Battery. Come support the new and only professional men's soccer team in South Florida. More information at www.miamifc.com or 1-866-57-MIAMI. Tropical Park Stadium, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami

Saturday, 19

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

An Evening of Jazz Piano and Vocals with Laurence Elder

8 p.m. \$15. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the sounds of vocalist and seasoned pianist Laurence Elder for a contemporary blend of blues, pop and jazz. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Butterfly Walk

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Explore the various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Thursday, 24

Architecture Tour

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Discover all the architectural features this historic park has to offer by exploring the magnificent Stone House and the picturesque Richmond Cottage. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Saturday, 26

"Preserving South Florida History through Photography, Video & Film"

2 p.m. \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. Enjoy a lecture and documentary presented by Don La Rue. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, www.goldcoast-railroad.org

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4 p.m. Adults tickets starting at \$10; children starting at \$6. Miami FC vs. Atlanta Silverbacks. Come support the new and only professional men's soccer team in South Florida. More information at www.miamifc.com or 1-866-57-MIAMI. Tropical Park Stadium, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami